

# **12 FAH-7 H-000 LOCAL GUARD PROGRAM**

## **12 FAH-7 H-010 BACKGROUND**

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### **12 FAH-7 H-011 GENERAL**

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a. The Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) is responsible for providing a secure environment in which to conduct U.S. Government business at Foreign Service posts. This responsibility embraces all agencies which normally are associated or co-located with diplomatic and consular establishments and under the direct control of the chief of mission (COM.) Responsibility for individual units is specified in the COM Commander-in-Chief (CINC) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on security for the respective country. Part of this secure environment is provided through the development of a Local Guard Program (LGP) which may include the use of local guard force (LGF) personnel for access control, building and residence security, and, if required, for personal protection of key personnel. Another important aspect of the LGP is the Surveillance Detection Program (SDP). This is a defensive program designed to enhance the safety and security of U.S. Government personnel and resources under the COM by detecting and reporting of pre-operational terrorist surveillance activities directed against U.S. Government personnel and facilities.

b. The regional security officer or post security officer (RSO and/or PSO) under the direction of the COM or principal officer (PO), has primary responsibility for establishing and managing LGPs.

### **12 FAH-7 H-012 PURPOSE**

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The purpose of this Foreign Affairs Handbook (FAH) is to prescribe uniform policies, criteria, and standards for the LGP at U.S. Department of State (DOS) installations abroad and to provide guidance on how to initiate and manage a LGP.

## **12 FAH-7 H-013 SCOPE OF DS PROGRAMS AND POLICIES**

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The Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-399) requires the Secretary of State to develop and implement policies and programs, including funding levels and standards, to provide for the security of U.S. Government diplomatic operations abroad.

## **12 FAH-7 H-014 STANDARDS**

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This handbook sets forth the procedures for managing LGP implementation standards for security services provided for protection of official facilities and residences abroad which fall under the authority of the COM. These standards are detailed in 12 FAH-6, *Security Standards Handbook*, which has been approved through the Overseas Security Policy Board (OSPB).

## **12 FAH-7 H-015 THROUGH H-019 UNASSIGNED**